

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5351
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ISI ACTIVITIES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chief Minister of West Bengal, in a recent meeting with him has asked for twelve additional battalions of Border Security Force to launch joint operation with Central agencies to combat growing ISI activities in the State and to step up vigil along the Indo-Bangladesh Border;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard; and
- (c) the number of additional battalions have since been dispatched to the State in order to tie up their difficulties ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): The Chief Minister of West Bengal had, inter-alia, mentioned the requirement of additional Central Para Military Forces in West Bengal during his meeting with the Union Home Minister.

The deployment of Central Para Military Forces in any state depends upon the overall security scenario and availability of these forces. Keeping in view these constraints, Central Para Military Forces, to the extent possible, are already deployed in West Bengal.